

# Letters, Letters, Everywhere

## What you need

- Paper
- Pencils, crayons, markers
- Alphabet book, blocks or magnets
- Safety scissors, tape



## What to do

- Make a name sign for your child's bedroom.
  - 1) Let your child watch you print the letter of her name on a piece of paper.
  - 2) Let her decorate the sign.
  - 3) Hang the sign on a low wall in her bedroom.
- Refrigerator ABC's
  - 1) Cut the letters of the alphabet out of colored paper.
  - 2) Hang the paper letters or ABC magnets on the refrigerator where your child can reach.
  - 3) Write new words or play words on the refrigerator with the letters.
- Read to your child before she goes to bed.

## Why is this important?

- Children learn to read better if they know the names and the shapes of the letters of the alphabet when they enter school.

**For More Information**



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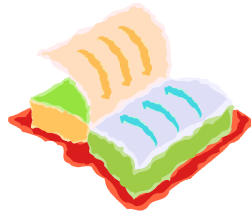
For Ages 4-5

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# My Book

## What you need

- Paper
- Paper hole punch
- Safety scissors
- Pencil, pen, crayons, markers
- Yarn, pipe cleaners, string, or staples
- Paste, tape or glue



## What to do

- Make a booklet of five or six pages. Bind the pages with yarn, pipe cleaners, string or staples.
- Print your child's name on the outside of the book. Tell your child that this will be a book about her.
- Let your child talk about what she will draw on each page. Write what she says on the pages.  
Here are some examples:
  - My favorite toys and books
  - My friends
  - My pet
  - My home (or my bedroom)
- Let your child draw picture on the pages.
- Encourage your child to read her book to family and friends.

## Why is this important?

- Making this book helps your child with spoken and written words. This book will help her use the small muscles in her hands, and to be creative!

# The Little Artist

## What you need

- Crayons, markers, colored pencils
- One large piece of paper
- Other colorful papers
- Tape, paste
- Finger paints
- Safety scissors
- Fabric scraps or other objects that can be glued to paper (string, cotton balls, sticks, yarn)

## What to do

- Tape a large piece of paper to a table top.
- Let your child scribble, draw, paint and paste his heart out.
- Let him feel different textures. Talk with him about the parts of his picture. Say, "Look, this cotton ball is soft and white."
- Don't tell your child what to draw or paint. Let him be creative!
- Hang the final picture in your home. Show your friends your child's artwork when they visit.

## Why is this important?

- Art projects help your child practice hand and eye skills. Art projects help your child to be creative and to be proud of their work.

